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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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For: INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on March 23, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.